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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of

Ulrich Karl Klostermann, et al.

Serial No.: 10/690,538

Group Art Unit: 1725

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Examiner: Samuel M. Heinrich

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FAST AND LOCAL ANNEAL OF
ANTIFERROMAGNETIC (AF) EXCHANGE-BIASED MAGNETIC STACKS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.